

House Amendment to  
Senate File 303

S-5100

Amend Senate File 303, as amended, passed, and  
reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

1. By striking everything after the enacting clause  
and inserting:

<DIVISION I

RETIREMENT PAY TAX EXEMPTION

Section 1. Section 422.5, subsection 3, paragraph  
a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

a. The tax shall not be imposed on a resident or  
nonresident whose net income, as defined in section  
422.7, is thirteen thousand five hundred dollars or  
less in the case of married persons filing jointly  
or filing separately on a combined return, heads of  
household, and surviving spouses or nine thousand  
dollars or less in the case of all other persons;  
but in the event that the payment of tax under this  
division would reduce the net income to less than  
thirteen thousand five hundred dollars or nine thousand  
dollars as applicable, then the tax shall be reduced to  
that amount which would result in allowing the taxpayer  
to retain a net income of thirteen thousand five  
hundred dollars or nine thousand dollars as applicable.  
The preceding sentence does not apply to estates or  
trusts. For the purpose of this subsection, the entire  
net income, including any part of the net income not  
allocated to Iowa, shall be taken into account. For  
purposes of this subsection, net income includes all  
amounts of pensions or other retirement income, except  
for military retirement pay excluded under section  
422.7, subsection 31A, paragraph "a", or section  
422.7, subsection 31B, paragraph "a", received from any  
source which is not taxable under this division as a  
result of the government pension exclusions in section  
422.7, or any other state law. If the combined net  
income of a husband and wife exceeds thirteen thousand  
five hundred dollars, neither of them shall receive  
the benefit of this subsection, and it is immaterial  
whether they file a joint return or separate returns.  
However, if a husband and wife file separate returns  
and have a combined net income of thirteen thousand  
five hundred dollars or less, neither spouse shall  
receive the benefit of this paragraph, if one spouse  
has a net operating loss and elects to carry back or  
carry forward the loss as provided in section 422.9,  
subsection 3. A person who is claimed as a dependent  
by another person as defined in section 422.12 shall  
not receive the benefit of this subsection if the  
person claiming the dependent has net income exceeding  
thirteen thousand five hundred dollars or nine thousand  
dollars as applicable or the person claiming the

1 dependent and the person's spouse have combined net  
2 income exceeding thirteen thousand five hundred dollars  
3 or nine thousand dollars as applicable.

4 Sec. 2. Section 422.5, subsection 3B, paragraph a,  
5 Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

6 a. The tax shall not be imposed on a resident or  
7 nonresident who is at least sixty-five years old on  
8 December 31 of the tax year and whose net income,  
9 as defined in section 422.7, is thirty-two thousand  
10 dollars or less in the case of married persons  
11 filing jointly or filing separately on a combined  
12 return, heads of household, and surviving spouses or  
13 twenty-four thousand dollars or less in the case of all  
14 other persons; but in the event that the payment of  
15 tax under this division would reduce the net income to  
16 less than thirty-two thousand dollars or twenty-four  
17 thousand dollars as applicable, then the tax shall be  
18 reduced to that amount which would result in allowing  
19 the taxpayer to retain a net income of thirty-two  
20 thousand dollars or twenty-four thousand dollars as  
21 applicable. The preceding sentence does not apply to  
22 estates or trusts. For the purpose of this subsection,  
23 the entire net income, including any part of the net  
24 income not allocated to Iowa, shall be taken into  
25 account. For purposes of this subsection, net income  
26 includes all amounts of pensions or other retirement  
27 income, except for military retirement pay excluded  
28 under section 422.7, subsection 3lA, paragraph "a",  
29 or section 422.7, subsection 3lB, paragraph "a",  
30 received from any source which is not taxable under  
31 this division as a result of the government pension  
32 exclusions in section 422.7, or any other state law.  
33 If the combined net income of a husband and wife  
34 exceeds thirty-two thousand dollars, neither of them  
35 shall receive the benefit of this subsection, and it  
36 is immaterial whether they file a joint return or  
37 separate returns. However, if a husband and wife file  
38 separate returns and have a combined net income of  
39 thirty-two thousand dollars or less, neither spouse  
40 shall receive the benefit of this paragraph, if one  
41 spouse has a net operating loss and elects to carry  
42 back or carry forward the loss as provided in section  
43 422.9, subsection 3. A person who is claimed as a  
44 dependent by another person as defined in section  
45 422.12 shall not receive the benefit of this subsection  
46 if the person claiming the dependent has net income  
47 exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars or twenty-four  
48 thousand dollars as applicable or the person claiming  
49 the dependent and the person's spouse have combined  
50 net income exceeding thirty-two thousand dollars or

1 twenty-four thousand dollars as applicable.  
2 Sec. 3. Section 422.7, Code 2014, is amended by  
3 adding the following new subsection:  
4 NEW SUBSECTION. 31A. *a.* Subtract, to the extent  
5 included, retirement pay received by a taxpayer from  
6 the federal government for military service performed  
7 in the armed forces, the armed forces military reserve,  
8 or national guard.  
9 *b.* The exclusion of retirement pay under this  
10 subsection is in addition to any exclusion provided  
11 under subsection 31.  
12 Sec. 4. Section 422.7, Code 2014, is amended by  
13 adding the following new subsection:  
14 NEW SUBSECTION. 31B. *a.* Subtract, to the extent  
15 included, amounts received as survivor benefits by a  
16 taxpayer from the federal government pursuant to 10  
17 U.S.C. §1447, et seq.  
18 *b.* The exclusion of survivor benefits under this  
19 subsection is in addition to any exclusion provided  
20 under subsection 31.  
21 Sec. 5. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division  
22 of this Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2014,  
23 for tax years beginning on or after that date.  
24 DIVISION II  
25 PROPERTY OF ASSOCIATIONS OF WAR VETERANS  
26 Sec. 6. Section 427.1, subsection 5, Code 2014, is  
27 amended to read as follows:  
28 5. *Property of associations of war veterans.*  
29 *a.* The property of any organization composed wholly  
30 of veterans of any war, when such property is, except  
31 as otherwise provided in this subsection or subsection  
32 14, devoted entirely to its own use and not held for  
33 pecuniary profit.  
34 *b.* The operation of bingo games on property of such  
35 organization shall not adversely affect the exemption  
36 of that property under this subsection if all proceeds,  
37 in excess of expenses, are used for the legitimate  
38 purposes of the organization.  
39 *c.* The occasional or irregular lease or rental of  
40 all or a portion of the property of such organization  
41 shall not adversely affect the exemption of that  
42 property under this subsection if the proceeds from  
43 such lease or rental do not exceed two hundred fifty  
44 dollars per lease or rental, and the proceeds, in  
45 excess of expenses, are used for the legitimate  
46 purposes of the organization. In addition, the  
47 occasional or irregular lease or rental shall be  
48 considered a use for the appropriate objects of the  
49 organization for purposes of subsection 14.  
50 Sec. 7. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.7 does

1 not apply to this division of this Act.

2 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This division of  
3 this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes  
4 effect upon enactment.

5 Sec. 9. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This division  
6 of this Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2014,  
7 for assessment years beginning on or after that date.

8 DIVISION III  
9 LICENSE PLATES

10 Sec. 10. Section 35A.11, Code 2014, is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 **35A.11 Veterans license fee fund.**

13 1. A veterans license fee fund is created in the  
14 state treasury under the control of the commission.  
15 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings  
16 on moneys in the veterans license fee fund shall be  
17 credited to the veterans license fee fund. Moneys in  
18 the fund are appropriated to the commission to be used  
19 to fulfill the responsibilities of the commission.

20 2. The fund created in this section shall include  
21 the fees credited by the treasurer of state from the  
22 sale annual validation of the following special motor  
23 vehicle registration plates:

24 ~~1. Veteran special plates issued pursuant to~~  
25 ~~section 321.34, subsection 13, paragraph "d".~~

26 ~~2. a.~~ National guard special plates issued  
27 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 16.

28 ~~3. b.~~ Pearl Harbor special plates issued pursuant  
29 to section 321.34, subsection 17.

30 ~~4. c.~~ Purple heart special plates issued pursuant  
31 to section 321.34, subsection 18.

32 ~~5. d.~~ United States armed forces retired special  
33 plates issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection  
34 19.

35 ~~6. e.~~ Silver star and bronze star special plates  
36 issued pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 20.

37 ~~7. f.~~ Distinguished service cross, navy cross,  
38 and air force cross special plates issued pursuant to  
39 section 321.34, subsection 20A.

40 ~~8. g.~~ Soldier's medal, navy and marine corps  
41 medal, and airman's medal special plates issued  
42 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 20B.

43 ~~9. h.~~ Combat infantryman badge, combat action  
44 badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action  
45 medal, and combat medical badge plates issued pursuant  
46 to section 321.34, subsection 20C.

47 ~~10. i.~~ Gold star special plates issued pursuant to  
48 section 321.34, subsection 24.

49 j. United States veteran special plates issued  
50 pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 27.

1     Sec. 11. Section 321.34, subsection 16, paragraph  
2 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:  
3     a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a  
4 member of the national guard, as defined in chapter  
5 29A, may, upon written application to the department,  
6 order special registration plates with a national  
7 guard processed emblem with the emblem designed by the  
8 department in cooperation with the adjutant general  
9 which emblem signifies that the applicant is a member  
10 of the national guard. The application shall be  
11 approved by the department in consultation with the  
12 adjutant general. The special plate fees collected  
13 by the director under subsection 12, ~~paragraphs~~  
14 paragraph "a" and "c", from the issuance and annual  
15 validation of letter-number designated national guard  
16 plates, and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the  
17 issuance and annual validation of personalized national  
18 guard plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer  
19 of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The  
20 treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the  
21 statutory allocations fund created under section  
22 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund  
23 created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special  
24 fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in  
25 the previous month for national guard plates. Special  
26 registration plates with a national guard processed  
27 emblem shall be surrendered, as provided in subsection  
28 12, in exchange for regular registration plates upon  
29 termination of the owner's membership in the active  
30 national guard.

31     Sec. 12. Section 321.34, subsection 16, Code 2014,  
32 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

33     NEW PARAGRAPH. Ob. Notwithstanding subsection 12,  
34 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special  
35 registration plates under this subsection shall be  
36 issued one set of special registration plates with a  
37 national guard processed emblem at no charge.

38     Sec. 13. Section 321.34, subsection 17, paragraph  
39 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

40     a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was at  
41 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a member of the armed services  
42 of the United States on December 7, 1941, may, upon  
43 written application to the department, order special  
44 registration plates with a Pearl Harbor processed  
45 emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the department  
46 in consultation with service organizations. The  
47 application is subject to approval by the department.  
48 The special plate fees collected by the director under  
49 subsection 12, ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph "a" and "c", from  
50 the issuance and annual validation of letter-number

1 designated Pearl Harbor plates, and subsection 12,  
2 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation  
3 of personalized Pearl Harbor plates shall be paid  
4 monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in  
5 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall  
6 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund  
7 created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the  
8 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the  
9 amount of the special fees collected under subsection  
10 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for Pearl  
11 Harbor plates.

12 Sec. 14. Section 321.34, subsection 17, Code 2014,  
13 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* Notwithstanding subsection 12,  
15 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special  
16 registration plates under this subsection shall be  
17 issued one set of special registration plates with a  
18 Pearl Harbor processed emblem at no charge.

19 Sec. 15. Section 321.34, subsection 18, paragraph  
20 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

21 *a.* An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was  
22 awarded a purple heart medal by the United States  
23 government for wounds received in military or naval  
24 combat against an armed enemy of the United States  
25 may, upon written application to the department and  
26 presentation of satisfactory proof of the award of the  
27 purple heart medal, order special registration plates  
28 with a purple heart processed emblem. The design of  
29 the emblem shall include a representation of a purple  
30 heart medal and ribbon. The application is subject to  
31 approval by the department in consultation with the  
32 adjutant general. The special plate fees collected  
33 by the director under subsection 12, ~~paragraphs~~  
34 ~~paragraph "a" and "c", from the issuance and annual~~  
35 ~~validation of letter-number designated purple heart~~  
36 ~~plates, and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the~~  
37 ~~issuance and annual validation of personalized purple~~  
38 ~~heart plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer~~  
39 ~~of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The~~  
40 ~~treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the~~  
41 ~~statutory allocations fund created under section~~  
42 ~~321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund~~  
43 ~~created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special~~  
44 ~~fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in~~  
45 ~~the previous month for purple heart plates.~~

46 Sec. 16. Section 321.34, subsection 18, Code 2014,  
47 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

48 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* Notwithstanding subsection 12,  
49 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special  
50 registration plates under this subsection shall be

1 issued one set of special registration plates with a  
2 purple heart processed emblem at no charge.

3 Sec. 17. Section 321.34, subsection 19, paragraph  
4 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

5 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a  
6 retired member of the United States armed forces may,  
7 upon written application to the department and upon  
8 presentation of satisfactory proof of membership, order  
9 special registration plates with a United States armed  
10 forces retired processed emblem. The emblem shall be  
11 designed by the department in consultation with service  
12 organizations. The application is subject to approval  
13 by the department. For purposes of this subsection,  
14 a person is considered to be retired if the person is  
15 recognized by the United States armed forces as retired  
16 from the United States armed forces. The special plate  
17 fees collected by the director under subsection 12,  
18 ~~paragraphs paragraph "a" and "c", from the issuance and~~  
19 ~~annual validation of letter-number designated armed~~  
20 ~~forces retired plates, and subsection 12, paragraph~~  
21 ~~"c", from the issuance and annual validation of~~  
22 ~~personalized armed forces retired plates shall be paid~~  
23 ~~monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in~~  
24 ~~the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall~~  
25 ~~transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund~~  
26 ~~created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the~~  
27 ~~veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the~~  
28 ~~amount of the special fees collected under subsection~~  
29 ~~12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for armed~~  
30 ~~forces retired plates.~~

31 Sec. 18. Section 321.34, subsection 19, Code 2014,  
32 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

33 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0b. Notwithstanding subsection 12,  
34 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special  
35 registration plates under this subsection shall be  
36 issued one set of special registration plates with an  
37 armed forces retired processed emblem at no charge.

38 Sec. 19. Section 321.34, subsection 20, paragraph  
39 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

40 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was  
41 awarded a silver or a bronze star by the United States  
42 government, may, upon written application to the  
43 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of  
44 the award of the silver or bronze star, order special  
45 registration plates with a silver or bronze star  
46 processed emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the  
47 department in consultation with the adjutant general.  
48 The special plate fees collected by the director under  
49 subsection 12, ~~paragraphs paragraph "a" and "c", from~~  
50 ~~the issuance and annual validation of letter-number~~

1 designated silver star and bronze star plates, and  
2 subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance  
3 and annual validation of personalized silver star  
4 and bronze star plates shall be paid monthly to the  
5 treasurer of state and deposited in the road use tax  
6 fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer monthly  
7 from the statutory allocations fund created under  
8 section 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license  
9 fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount of the  
10 special fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph  
11 "a", in the previous month for silver star and bronze  
12 star plates.

13 Sec. 20. Section 321.34, subsection 20, Code 2014,  
14 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

15 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* Notwithstanding subsection 12,  
16 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special  
17 registration plates under this subsection shall be  
18 issued one set of special registration plates with  
19 a silver star or bronze star processed emblem at no  
20 charge.

21 Sec. 21. Section 321.34, subsection 20A, paragraph  
22 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

23 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was  
24 awarded a distinguished service cross, a navy cross,  
25 or an air force cross by the United States government  
26 may, upon written application to the department and  
27 presentation of satisfactory proof of the award, order  
28 special registration plates with a distinguished  
29 service cross, navy cross, or air force cross processed  
30 emblem. The emblem shall be designed by the department  
31 in consultation with the adjutant general. The special  
32 plate fees collected by the director under subsection  
33 12, ~~paragraphs paragraph "a" and "c", from the issuance~~  
34 ~~and annual validation of letter-number designated~~  
35 ~~distinguished service cross, navy cross, and air force~~  
36 ~~cross plates, and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from~~  
37 ~~the issuance and annual validation of personalized~~  
38 ~~distinguished service cross, navy cross, and air force~~  
39 ~~cross plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer~~  
40 ~~of state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The~~  
41 ~~treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from the~~  
42 ~~statutory allocations fund created under section~~  
43 ~~321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans license fee fund~~  
44 ~~created in section 35A.11 the amount of the special~~  
45 ~~fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph "a", in~~  
46 ~~the previous month for distinguished service cross,~~  
47 ~~navy cross, and air force cross plates.~~

48 Sec. 22. Section 321.34, subsection 20A, Code 2014,  
49 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

50 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* Notwithstanding subsection 12,



1 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special  
2 registration plates under this subsection shall be  
3 issued one set of special registration plates with a  
4 distinguished service cross, navy cross, or air force  
5 cross processed emblem at no charge.

6 Sec. 23. Section 321.34, subsection 20B, paragraph  
7 a, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

8 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was  
9 awarded a soldier's medal, a navy and marine corps  
10 medal, or an airman's medal by the United States  
11 government may, upon written application to the  
12 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of  
13 the award, order special registration plates with  
14 a soldier's medal, navy and marine corps medal, or  
15 airman's medal processed emblem. The emblem shall be  
16 designed by the department in consultation with the  
17 adjutant general. The special plate fees collected  
18 by the director under subsection 12, ~~paragraphs~~  
19 paragraph "a" and "c", from the issuance and annual  
20 validation of letter-number designated soldier's medal,  
21 navy and marine corps medal, and airman's medal plates,  
22 and subsection 12, paragraph "c", from the issuance and  
23 annual validation of personalized soldier's medal, navy  
24 and marine corps medal, and airman's medal plates shall  
25 be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited  
26 in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall  
27 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund  
28 created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the  
29 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the  
30 amount of the special fees collected under subsection  
31 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for soldier's  
32 medal, navy and marine corps medal, and airman's medal  
33 plates.

34 Sec. 24. Section 321.34, subsection 20B, Code 2014,  
35 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

36 NEW PARAGRAPH. 0b. Notwithstanding subsection 12,  
37 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special  
38 registration plates under this subsection shall be  
39 issued one set of special registration plates with  
40 a soldier's medal, navy and marine corps medal, or  
41 airman's medal processed emblem at no charge.

42 Sec. 25. Section 321.34, subsection 20C, paragraph  
43 b, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

44 b. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who was  
45 awarded a combat infantryman badge, combat action  
46 badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action  
47 medal, or combat medical badge by the United States  
48 government may, upon written application to the  
49 department and presentation of satisfactory proof of  
50 the award, order special registration plates with a

1 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat  
2 action ribbon, air force combat action medal, or combat  
3 medical badge processed emblem. The special plate  
4 fees collected by the director under subsection 12,  
5 ~~paragraphs paragraph "a" and "c", from the issuance and~~  
6 ~~annual validation of letter-number designated combat~~  
7 ~~infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action~~  
8 ~~ribbon, air force combat action medal, and combat~~  
9 ~~medical badge plates, and subsection 12, paragraph~~  
10 ~~"c", from the issuance and annual validation of~~  
11 ~~personalized combat infantryman badge, combat action~~  
12 ~~badge, combat action ribbon, air force combat action~~  
13 ~~medal, and combat medical badge plates shall be paid~~  
14 ~~monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in~~  
15 ~~the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall~~  
16 ~~transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund~~  
17 ~~created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the~~  
18 ~~veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the~~  
19 ~~amount of the special fees collected under subsection~~  
20 ~~12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for combat~~  
21 ~~infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat action~~  
22 ~~ribbon, air force combat action medal, and combat~~  
23 ~~medical badge plates.~~

24 Sec. 26. Section 321.34, subsection 20C, Code 2014,  
25 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

26 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0c.* Notwithstanding subsection 12,  
27 paragraph "a", an owner who is approved for special  
28 registration plates under this subsection shall be  
29 issued one set of special registration plates with a  
30 combat infantryman badge, combat action badge, combat  
31 action ribbon, air force combat action medal, and  
32 combat medical badge distinguishing processed emblem  
33 at no charge.

34 Sec. 27. Section 321.34, subsection 24, Code 2014,  
35 is amended to read as follows:

36 24. *Gold star plates.*

37 *a.* An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is  
38 the surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling of  
39 a deceased member of the United States armed forces  
40 who died while serving on active duty during a time  
41 of military conflict or who died as a result of such  
42 service may order special registration plates bearing  
43 a gold star emblem upon written application to the  
44 department accompanied by satisfactory supporting  
45 documentation as determined by the department. The  
46 gold star emblem shall be designed by the department in  
47 cooperation with the commission of veterans affairs.  
48 The special plate fees collected by the director under  
49 subsection 12, ~~paragraphs paragraph "a" and "c", from~~  
50 ~~the issuance and annual validation of letter-number~~

1 designated gold star plates, and subsection 12,  
2 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation  
3 of personalized gold star plates shall be paid monthly  
4 to the treasurer of state and deposited in the road  
5 use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall transfer  
6 monthly from the statutory allocations fund created  
7 under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the veterans  
8 license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount  
9 of the special fees collected under subsection 12,  
10 paragraph "a", in the previous month for gold star  
11 plates.

12 b. Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a",  
13 an owner who is approved for special registration  
14 plates under this subsection shall be issued one set of  
15 special registration plates bearing a gold star emblem  
16 at no charge.

17 Sec. 28. Section 321.34, Code 2014, is amended by  
18 adding the following new subsection:

19 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. *United States veteran plates.*

20 a. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who served  
21 in the armed forces of the United States and was  
22 discharged under honorable conditions may, upon written  
23 application to the department and upon presentation of  
24 satisfactory proof of military service and discharge  
25 under honorable conditions, order special registration  
26 plates bearing a distinguishing processed emblem  
27 depicting the word "veteran" below an image of the  
28 American flag. The application is subject to approval  
29 by the department. The special plate fees collected  
30 by the director under subsection 12, paragraph "a",  
31 from the annual validation of letter-number designated  
32 United States veteran plates, and subsection 12,  
33 paragraph "c", from the issuance and annual validation  
34 of personalized United States veteran plates, shall be  
35 paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited in  
36 the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall  
37 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund  
38 created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the  
39 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the  
40 amount of the special fees collected under subsection  
41 12, paragraph "a", in the previous month for United  
42 States veteran plates.

43 b. Notwithstanding subsection 12, paragraph "a",  
44 an owner who is approved for a special registration  
45 plate under this subsection shall be issued one set of  
46 special registration plates bearing a distinguishing  
47 processed emblem depicting the word "veteran" below an  
48 image of the American flag at no charge.

49 DIVISION IV  
50 VETERANS PREFERENCE

1     Sec. 29. NEW SECTION. 35.3 Veterans preference in  
2 private employment permitted.

3     1. A private employer may grant preference in  
4 hiring and promotion to an individual who is a veteran.

5     2. *a.* A private employer may grant preference in  
6 hiring and promotion to the spouse of a veteran who has  
7 sustained a permanent, compensable service-connected  
8 disability as adjudicated by the United States veterans  
9 administration or by the retirement board of one of the  
10 armed forces of the United States.

11     *b.* A private employer may grant preference in  
12 hiring and promotion to the surviving spouse of a  
13 deceased member of the United States armed forces  
14 who died while serving on active duty during a time  
15 of military conflict or who died as a result of such  
16 service.

17     3. Granting a hiring or promotion preference under  
18 this section does not violate any state law or local  
19 ordinance regarding equal employment opportunity,  
20 including but not limited to chapter 216.

21     4. The hiring and promotion preferences allowable  
22 under this section shall only be granted if consistent  
23 with applicable federal laws and regulations.

#### 24                     DIVISION V

#### 25             POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION REPORTING

26     Sec. 30. Section 260C.14, Code 2014, is amended by  
27 adding the following new subsection:

28     NEW SUBSECTION. 24. *a.* Beginning December 15,  
29 2015, annually file a report with the governor and the  
30 general assembly providing information and statistics  
31 for the previous five academic years on the number  
32 of students who are veterans per year who received  
33 education credit for military education, training, and  
34 service, that number as a percentage of veterans known  
35 to be enrolled at the college, the average number of  
36 credits received by students, and the average number  
37 of credits applied towards the award of a certificate,  
38 competency-based credential, postsecondary diploma, or  
39 associate degree.

40     *b.* For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means  
41 a veteran as defined in section 35.1.

42     Sec. 31. Section 262.9, Code 2014, is amended by  
43 adding the following new subsection:

44     NEW SUBSECTION. 38. *a.* Beginning December 15,  
45 2015, annually file a report with the governor and the  
46 general assembly providing information and statistics  
47 for the previous five academic years on the number  
48 of students who are veterans per year who received  
49 education credit for military education, training, and  
50 service, that number as a percentage of veterans known

1 to be enrolled at the institution, the average number  
2 of credits received by students, and the average number  
3 of credits applied towards the award or completion of a  
4 course of instruction, postsecondary diploma, degree,  
5 or other evidences of distinction.

6 *b.* For purposes of this subsection, "veteran" means  
7 a veteran as defined in section 35.1.

#### 8 DIVISION VI

#### 9 LICENSED PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

10 Sec. 32. Section 272C.4, Code 2014, is amended by  
11 adding the following new subsections:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Adopt rules by January 1,  
13 2015, to provide credit towards qualifications for  
14 licensure to practice an occupation or profession  
15 in this state for education, training, and service  
16 obtained or completed by an individual while serving  
17 honorably on federal active duty, state active duty,  
18 or national guard duty, as defined in section 29A.1,  
19 to the extent consistent with the qualifications  
20 required by the appropriate licensing board. The  
21 rules shall also provide credit towards qualifications  
22 for initial licensure for education, training, or  
23 service obtained or completed by an individual while  
24 serving honorably in the military forces of another  
25 state or the organized reserves of the armed forces of  
26 the United States, to the extent consistent with the  
27 qualifications required by the appropriate licensing  
28 board.

29 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. *a.* Establish procedures  
30 by January 1, 2015, to expedite the licensing of an  
31 individual who is licensed in a similar profession or  
32 occupation in another state and who is a veteran, as  
33 defined in section 35.1, or the spouse of a veteran.

34 *b.* If the board determines that the professional  
35 or occupational licensing requirements of the state  
36 where the veteran or veteran's spouse is licensed are  
37 substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements  
38 of this state, the procedures shall require the  
39 licensing of the veteran or the veteran's spouse in  
40 this state.

41 *c.* If the board determines that the professional  
42 or occupational licensing requirements of the state  
43 where the veteran or veteran's spouse is licensed are  
44 not substantially equivalent to the professional or  
45 occupational licensing requirements of this state, the  
46 procedures shall allow the provisional licensing of  
47 the veteran or veteran's spouse for a period of time  
48 deemed necessary by the board to obtain a substantial  
49 equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state.  
50 The board shall advise the veteran or the veteran's

1 spouse of required education or training necessary to  
2 obtain a substantial equivalent to the professional  
3 or occupational licensing requirements of this state,  
4 and the procedures shall provide for licensing of  
5 an individual who has, pursuant to this paragraph,  
6 obtained a substantial equivalent to the professional  
7 or occupational licensing requirements of this state.

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Beginning December 15, 2016,  
9 annually file a report with the governor and the  
10 general assembly providing information and statistics  
11 on credit received by individuals for education,  
12 training, and service pursuant to subsection 11 and  
13 information and statistics on licenses and provisional  
14 licenses issued pursuant to subsection 12.

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Notwithstanding the  
16 designation of the licensing boards in section 272C.1,  
17 the provisions of subsections 11 through 13 shall apply  
18 to all of the occupational and professional licensing  
19 boards of this state.

20 Sec. 33. REPORT. Each occupational and  
21 professional licensing board of this state shall file  
22 a report with the governor and the general assembly  
23 by January 31, 2015, on the substance of rules and  
24 procedures adopted to implement the provisions of this  
25 division of this Act.

## 26 DIVISION VII

### 27 COUNTY COMMISSIONS

28 Sec. 34. Section 35B.4, Code 2014, is amended to  
29 read as follows:

#### 30 **35B.4 Appointment — vacancies.**

31 1. Members of the commission of veteran affairs  
32 shall be appointed by the board of supervisors, in  
33 consultation with the current commission members and  
34 the executive director or administrator, to staggered  
35 three-year terms at the regular meeting in June.

36 However, a member shall serve until a successor has  
37 been appointed and qualifies. The board may remove  
38 an appointee at any time for neglect of duty or  
39 maladministration. A vacancy on the commission shall  
40 be filled for the unexpired portion of the regular term  
41 in the same manner as regular appointments are made.

42 2. If the board of supervisors increases the  
43 commission of veteran affairs membership to five  
44 members, the initial terms of the two new members  
45 shall be two and three years respectively. However,  
46 the new members shall serve until their successors are  
47 appointed and qualify.

48 Sec. 35. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, paragraphs a  
49 and c, Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

50 a. The members of the commission shall qualify by

1 taking the usual oath of office, ~~and give bond in the~~  
2 ~~sum of five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the~~  
3 ~~faithful discharge of their duties with sureties to be~~  
4 ~~approved by the county auditor.~~ The commission shall  
5 organize by the selection of one of their members as  
6 chairperson and one as secretary. The commission,  
7 subject to the approval of the board of supervisors,  
8 shall employ an executive director or administrator  
9 ~~and who shall have the power to employ other necessary~~  
10 ~~employees when needed to carry out the provisions of~~  
11 this chapter, including administrative or clerical  
12 assistants, but no member of the commission shall  
13 be so employed. The compensation of such employees  
14 shall be fixed by the board of supervisors. The  
15 state department of veterans affairs shall recognize  
16 the executive director or administrator as a county  
17 veterans service officer of a veterans' service  
18 organization recognized pursuant to 38 C.F.R. §  
19 14.628(c) for the purposes of assisting veterans  
20 and their dependents in obtaining federal and state  
21 benefits. The commission shall recommend the annual  
22 compensation of the executive director or administrator  
23 to the board of supervisors. The board of supervisors  
24 shall consider the recommendation and shall determine  
25 and approve the annual compensation of the executive  
26 director or administrator. The executive director  
27 must possess the same qualifications as provided in  
28 section 35B.3 for commission members. However, this  
29 qualification requirement shall not apply to a person  
30 employed as an executive director prior to July 1,  
31 1989.

32 c. Upon the employment of an executive director or  
33 administrator, the executive director or administrator  
34 shall complete a course of certification training  
35 provided by the department of veterans affairs  
36 pursuant to section 35A.5. If an executive director  
37 or administrator fails to obtain certification within  
38 one year of being employed, the executive director  
39 or administrator shall be removed from office. A  
40 ~~commissioner or other commission employee may also~~  
41 ~~complete the course of certification training.~~ The  
42 department shall issue the executive director, or  
43 administrator, ~~commissioner, or employee~~ a certificate  
44 of training after completion of the certification  
45 training course. To maintain certification, the  
46 executive director, or administrator, ~~commissioner,~~  
47 ~~or employee~~ shall satisfy the continuing education  
48 requirements established by the national association  
49 of county ~~veteran~~ veterans service officers. Failure  
50 of an executive director or administrator to maintain

1 certification shall be cause for removal from office.  
2 The expenses of training the executive director or  
3 administrator shall be paid from the appropriation  
4 authorized in section 35B.14.

5 Sec. 36. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, paragraph  
6 d, Code 2014, is amended by adding the following new  
7 subparagraph:

8 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) Complete and submit all  
9 forms required for federal, state, and county benefits.

10 Sec. 37. Section 35B.6, subsection 2, Code 2014, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 2. a. Two or more boards of supervisors may agree,  
13 pursuant to chapter 28E, to share the services of an  
14 executive director or administrator. The agreement  
15 shall provide for the establishment of a commission  
16 of veteran affairs office in each of the counties  
17 participating in the agreement.

18 b. Neither a county board of supervisors nor a  
19 county commission of veterans affairs shall place the  
20 administration of the duties of the county commission  
21 of veteran affairs under any other agency of any  
22 county, or publish the names of the veterans or their  
23 families who receive benefits under the provisions of  
24 this chapter.

25 Sec. 38. Section 35B.6, subsection 3, Code 2014, is  
26 amended by striking the subsection.

27 Sec. 39. Section 35B.6, subsection 4, paragraph a,  
28 Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

29 a. Each county commission of veteran affairs  
30 shall maintain an office in a public building owned,  
31 operated, or leased by the county.

32 Sec. 40. Section 35B.7, Code 2014, is amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 **35B.7 Meetings — report — budget.**

35 The commission shall meet monthly and at other  
36 times as necessary. At the monthly meeting it shall  
37 determine who are entitled to county benefits and  
38 the probable amount required to be expended. The  
39 commission shall meet annually to prepare an estimated  
40 budget for all expenditures to be made in the next  
41 fiscal year and certify the budget to the board of  
42 supervisors. The board may approve or reduce the  
43 budget for valid reasons shown and entered of record  
44 and the board's decision is final.

45 Sec. 41. Section 35B.10, Code 2014, is amended to  
46 read as follows:

47 **35B.10 Disbursements — inspection of records.**

48 1. All claims certified by the commission shall be  
49 reviewed approved by the board of supervisors and the  
50 county auditor shall issue warrants in payment of the



1 claims. All applications, investigation reports, and  
2 case records are privileged communications and ~~shall~~  
3 ~~be held~~ confidential, subject to use and inspection  
4 only by persons authorized by law in connection with  
5 their official duties relating to financial audits and  
6 the administration of this chapter or as authorized  
7 by order of a district court. A person may sign a  
8 release to authorize the examination of that person's  
9 applications, reports, or records.

10 2. ~~However, the~~ The county commission of veteran  
11 affairs shall prepare and file in the office of the  
12 county auditor on or before the thirtieth day of each  
13 January, April, July, and October a report showing the  
14 case numbers of all recipients receiving assistance  
15 under this chapter, together with the amount paid  
16 to each during the preceding quarter. Each report  
17 so filed shall be ~~securely fixed in~~ maintained as a  
18 permanent record book to be used only for such reports  
19 made under this chapter.

20 ~~The record book shall be and the same is hereby~~  
21 ~~declared to be a public record, open to public~~  
22 ~~inspection at all times during the regular office~~  
23 ~~hours of the county auditor. Each person who desires~~  
24 ~~to examine said records, other than in pursuance of~~  
25 ~~official duties as hereinbefore provided, shall sign~~  
26 ~~a written request to examine the same, which shall~~  
27 ~~contain an agreement on the part of the signer that~~  
28 ~~the signer will not utilize any information gained~~  
29 ~~therefrom for commercial or political purposes.~~

30 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, body,  
31 association, firm, corporation or any other agency  
32 to solicit, disclose, receive, make use of or to  
33 authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or  
34 acquiesce in the use of any lists, names or other  
35 information obtained from the reports above provided  
36 for, for commercial or political purposes, and a  
37 violation of this provision shall constitute a serious  
38 misdemeanor.

39 Sec. 42. Section 35B.14, Code 2014, is amended by  
40 adding the following new subsections:

41 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The commission is responsible  
42 for the interment in a suitable cemetery of the body of  
43 any veteran, as defined in section 35.1, or the spouse,  
44 surviving spouse, or child of the person, if the person  
45 has died without leaving sufficient means to defray the  
46 funeral expenses. The commission may pay the expenses  
47 in a sum not exceeding an amount established by the  
48 board of supervisors.

49 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Burial expenses shall be paid  
50 by the county in which the person died. If the person

1 is a resident of a different county at the time of  
2 death, the county of residence shall reimburse the  
3 county where the person died for the cost of burial.  
4 In either case, the board of supervisors of the  
5 respective counties shall audit and pay the account  
6 from the funds provided for in this chapter in the  
7 manner as other claims are audited and paid.

8 Sec. 43. Section 35B.16, Code 2014, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 **35B.16 Markers for graves.**

11 The county commission of veteran affairs may  
12 furnish a suitable and appropriate ~~metal~~ marker for  
13 the grave of each veteran, as defined in section 35.1,  
14 who is buried within the limits of the county. The  
15 marker shall be placed at the individual's grave to  
16 permanently mark and designate the grave for memorial  
17 purposes. The expenses shall be paid from any funds  
18 raised as provided in this chapter.

19 Sec. 44. Section 35B.17, Code 2014, is amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 **35B.17 Maintenance of graves.**

22 1. The county boards of supervisors shall each  
23 year appropriate and pay to the owners of, or to the  
24 public board or officers having control of cemeteries  
25 within the state in which any such deceased service  
26 person is buried, a sum sufficient to pay for the care  
27 and maintenance of the lots on which they are buried  
28 in all cases in which provision for such care is not  
29 otherwise made, or may conclude their responsibility  
30 by paying a mutually agreed to fee for perpetual care  
31 when the cemetery authority has established a perpetual  
32 care fund for the cemetery, to be paid either as a lump  
33 sum, or in not to exceed five installments in a manner  
34 agreed to by the parties.

35 2. Payment under subsection 1 shall be made at the  
36 rate charged for like care and maintenance of other  
37 lots of similar size in the same cemetery, upon the  
38 affidavit of the superintendent or other person in  
39 charge of such cemetery, that the same has not been  
40 otherwise paid or provided for.

41 Sec. 45. Section 35B.19, Code 2014, is amended to  
42 read as follows:

43 **35B.19 Burial records.**

44 The county commission of veteran affairs executive  
45 director or administrator shall be charged with  
46 securing the information requested by the department  
47 of veterans affairs of every person having a military  
48 service record and buried in that the county. Such  
49 information shall be secured from the undertaker  
50 funeral director in charge of the burial or cremation

1 and shall be transmitted by the ~~undertaker~~ funeral  
2 director to the ~~commission of~~ county veteran affairs  
3 office of the county where burial or disposition of  
4 cremated remains is made. This information shall  
5 be recorded alphabetically and by description of  
6 location in the cemetery where the veteran is buried  
7 or the place of disposition of the cremated remains  
8 of the veteran. This recording shall conform to  
9 the directives of the department of veterans affairs  
10 and shall be ~~kept in~~ maintained as a ~~book~~ permanent  
11 record by the ~~county commission~~ executive director or  
12 administrator.

13 Sec. 46. Section 64.11, Code 2014, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 **64.11 Expense of bonds paid by county.**

16 If a county treasurer, county attorney, recorder,  
17 auditor, sheriff, medical examiner, ~~member of the~~  
18 ~~veterans affairs commission~~, member of the board of  
19 supervisors, engineer, steward, or matron elects to  
20 furnish a bond with an association or incorporation as  
21 surety as provided in this chapter, the reasonable cost  
22 of the bond shall be paid by the county where the bond  
23 is filed.

24 Sec. 47. Section 331.381, subsection 6, Code 2014,  
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 6. Audit and pay the burial expense for indigent  
27 veterans, as provided in section ~~35B.15~~ 35B.14,  
28 subsection 4.

29 Sec. 48. Section 331.502, subsection 13, Code 2014,  
30 is amended by striking the subsection.

31 Sec. 49. Section 331.502, subsection 14, Code 2014,  
32 is amended to read as follows:

33 14. Issue warrants and maintain a ~~book containing~~  
34 a permanent record of persons receiving veteran  
35 assistance as provided in section 35B.10.

36 Sec. 50. REPEAL. Sections 35B.8, 35B.9, 35B.12,  
37 35B.13, 35B.15, and 35B.18, Code 2014, are repealed.>

38 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and  
39 inserting <An Act relating to veterans, military  
40 service members, and certain survivor beneficiaries and  
41 including effective date and retroactive applicability  
42 provisions.>

43 3. By renumbering, redesignating, and correcting  
44 internal references as necessary.